

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2006-50-WS – ORDER NO. 2006-343
JUNE 12, 2006

IN RE: Joint Application of Timothy P. Oliver and)	ORDER GRANTING
James C. Thigpen for Expedited Approval of a)	EXTENSION FOR
Transfer of Assets of Goat Island Water and)	TESTIMONY AND
Sewer Company, Inc.; the Transfer of)	POSTPONING HEARING
Operating Authority of Goat Island Water and)	
Sewer Company, Inc.; and Transfer of all)	
Sewer Service System without Limitations to)	
all Customers of Goat Island Water and Sewer)	
Company, Inc. of Clarendon County, South)	
Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Timothy P. Oliver and James C. Thigpen to extend the time to file testimony in the present proceeding and to postpone the hearing currently scheduled for July 6, 2006.

Timothy P. Oliver and James C. Thigpen (Joint Applicants) filed an Application on February 1, 2006, with the Commission seeking approval of the transfer of assets and authority of Goat Island Water and Sewer Company, Inc. Dates for filing testimony and exhibits in the present docket were set forth in letter, dated April 13, 2006, from the Commission's Docketing Department. By this letter, the Joint Applications are required to file their direct testimony and exhibits on or before June 8, 2006. Additionally, the

Commission's Docketing Department issued a revised Notice of Hearing wherein the hearing on the Joint Applicants' Application is scheduled to be held July 6, 2006.

On May 19, 2006, the Joint Applicants, by letter from the Joint Applicants' counsel, seek approval to postpone for a minimum of ninety (90) days the date for filing testimony and the date of the hearing. The Joint Applicants inform the Commission that they have a meeting scheduled with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)¹ to discuss an attempt to resolve DHEC's objection to the Application. According to the Joint Applicants, they anticipate and have received requests for substantial additional information and believe that additional time will be needed to compile the requested information. On May 26, 2006, counsel for DHEC advised that DHEC does not object to the Joint Applicants' request.

We have examined the Joint Applicants' request and have concluded that the request for postponement of the date for filing testimony and the date of the hearing in this proceeding should be granted as filed. Further, we conclude that the parties should inform the Commission when they are prepared to proceed with a hearing on this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

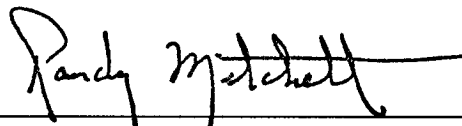
1. The request of Timothy P. Oliver and James C. Thigpen to postpone for a minimum of ninety (90) days the date for filing testimony and the date of the hearing on the Joint Application for transfer of assets and authority of Goat Island Water and Sewer Company, Inc. is hereby granted.

¹ DHEC intervened in this proceeding on March 31, 2006.

2. The parties shall notify the Commission as to when they are prepared to proceed with a hearing on this docket.

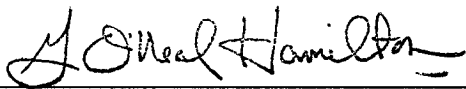
3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. O'Neal Hamilton", written over a horizontal line.

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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